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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

TOPIC Infantry Unit and Artillery Unit in Liberec 25X1

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DATE OF CONTENT prior to July 1951

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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Infantry Barracks.

1. An infantry barracks laid out like a castle with battlements was observed northeast of Liberec (Reichenberg, O 51/C 10) on the northeast side of the road to Ruprechtice, located about 2 km northeast of Liberec, up to July 1951. Its northern sector included a garage. The installation was occupied by a unit of about 300 troops, who wore red-bordered red epaulets for the last two months. * The weapons of the troops included Soviet-type sub-machine guns with drum magazines, Czech-type submachine guns of one model, German- and Czech-type carbines, Soviet-type light machine guns with drum magazines, Soviet-type water-cooled heavy machine guns and German model 42 heavy machine guns.

Artillery Barracks.

2. An artillery barracks was located on the eastern perimeter of Ruprechtice, included one U-shaped three-story building, the longitudinal side of each of the three component buildings measuring 120 to 150 meters, and an L-shaped garage, and was enclosed by a barbed wire fence. It was occupied by a motorized artillery unit of about 1,000 men, which was mainly equipped with guns of about 75 mm mounting pear-shaped muzzle brakes. Field howitzers of about 100 mm and a heavy gun of about 150 mm were also observed. The unit was frequently observed marching out of the installation with six to eight guns. Small arms observed included pistols, Czech-type carbines and Soviet-type submachine guns. The motor vehicles of the unit consisted of various Tatra trucks and Skoda Tudor cross-country sedans. **

- 25X1 * Comment. A previous report stated that no red-bordered red epaulets are worn in the Czech Army.
- 25X1 ** Comment. The 22d Inf Regt and one battalion of the 4th Arty Regt are known to be stationed at the Liberec post. In view of the present report, the two units are believed to be still located there.

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